

Remarks

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1 through 9 and favorable consideration of newly submitted claims 10 through 14 respectfully is requested in view of the following comments.

Applicants submit that the patent to Masachika neither discloses nor teaches the basic structure of the claimed invention in that the objectives and the means of achieving such objectives as between the claimed invention and Masachika are clearly distinguishable. In the claimed invention, the principal object is to protect against the manipulation of a memory module of a system for operating a set of control devices of a motor vehicle by dividing the code of the operating unit into a main code and a sub-code, and providing for the main code to monitor the authenticity of the sub-code. In the Masachika apparatus, the principal objective is to control access to the operation of various control devices and further to control access to the code setting values of the control devices for the purpose of altering such setting values. Such objective of Masachika is achieved by providing different ignition keys for use in operating a motor vehicle, each provided with an inherent code which determines the extent of the capability of such key to operate the control devices and the extent to which such key will permit the alteration of the code providing for setting the values of the control devices. Unit 20 of Masachika functions merely to determine the extent of access to the operation of control devices 78 through 86, and the extent of access to memory 70 for alteration of the setting values of such control devices. There is no division of any operating code and no monitoring by a first code of a second code. The code in memory 20 merely determines the extent of access to control devices 78 through 86, and the extent of the ability to alter the setting values of the control devices 78 through 86 in memory 70.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437, under Order No. 8369.005.US0100

Respectfully submitted,



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